

**Amendments to the Abstract**

The present invention relates to an apparatus for receiving audio-visual programs comprising a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bi-directional communication network, wherein the apparatus comprises:

- a first connector comprising at least one conductor for the transmission of a supply voltage (VBUS) originating from the master apparatus,

- at least one second connector allowing the connection of at least one peripheral device,

- a splitter connected on the one hand to the first connector and the at least one second connectors and on the other hand to a controller ~~managing the mode of operation of the connectors in relation to the apparatus,~~

- means of detection of the presence of the supply voltage in the first connector, the means of detection being linked to the first connector and generating a switching control signal in response to the presence of the supply voltage ~~on the appearance~~ (VBUS) to a switching circuit, so as to switch the apparatus from a first mode of operation to a second mode of operation.

**Fig. 1B**